

## REMARKS

Main claim 1 recites, among other things, that a shoe upper is non-moldably attached to the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part at a site at which molding is not performed. Fig. 3 of Japanese Patent No. 2-283303A discloses a shoe upper 5 that is attached to an outsole inside a mold in which molding is performed. Figs. 1-2 of the Japanese patent do not disclose how a shoe upper is attached, but instead show steps in the making of the outsole.

Allowance of claim 21 and its dependent claims 22-24 and 26-32 is respectfully requested.

Petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to December 8, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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